



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Hillary Schieve**, Mayor,
City of Reno,
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case No. 23-056C
Confidential

_____ Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION
NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics (“Commission”) received this Ethics Complaint on April 3, 2023, regarding the alleged conduct of Hillary Schieve (“Schieve”). On May 18, 2023, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate the alleged violations of NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

Schieve is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Schieve’s alleged conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On September 25, 2023, a Review Panel consisting of Commissioner Teresa Lowry, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Vice Chair Thoran Towler, Esq. and Commissioner Amanda Yen, Esq. considered the following: (1) Ethics Complaint; (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Schieve’s Response and Statement to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director’s Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings and Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.¹

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_____ ¹All materials provided to the Review Panel, except the Ethics Complaint and the Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

Under NAC 281A.430, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violation of NRS 281A.420(1) and (3). Therefore, these alleged violations are referred to the Commission.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Teresa Lowry
Teresa Lowry, Esq.
Commissioner/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Thoran Towler
Thoran Towler, Esq.
Vice Chair

By: /s/ ABSTAINED
Amanda Yen, Esq.²
Commissioner

² Commissioner Yen is a partner at the law firm of McDonald Carano and the law firm represents the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 281A.065(4) and (5), Commissioner Yen has a commitment in a private capacity to the law firm as her employer and the City of Reno based upon the law firm's continuing business relationship with this client. Consequently, the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in Commissioner Yen's situation could be materially affected in voting upon items related to the Subject. In order to avoid conflicts of interest and any appearance of impropriety and comply with the Ethics Law and Judicial Canons applicable to the Commission, Commissioner Yen is disclosing these relationships and is abstaining from participation in this matter. Since Commissioner Yen's abstention is required by NRS 281A.420, under NRS 281A.420(5), the required quorum to vote on this matter is reduced from 3 members to 2 members of the Review Panel. Therefore, any vote on this matter requires 2 members for passage.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I deposited for mailing, via U.S. Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, through the State of Nevada mailroom, and electronic mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION**, addressed as follows:

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